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- ✓ 6. A one-week sampling of a new Peking Vietnamese broadcast proved it to consist entirely of repeats of earlier broadcasts.
7. A thorough comparison of Delhi Domestic Service and Bombay PTI output was completed during the month by editor [ ] STAT and forwarded to FCS on 1 September. Since the study clearly showed that PTI only rarely carried unique or advance materials, the bureau recommended against continuation of the 2-month sample period when it expires at the end of September.

B. Communications

Use of the bureau's new Telex circuit was limited to testing as the heralded reversion of the Embassy "pony line" to the Skymux satellite failed to materialize. Present word is that this could occur any day or could be delayed for months. Whenever, it seems clear that the post-reversion situation will see considerable use of the Telex line. Unplanned outages of the bureau's primary circuit totaled 65 hours in August.

C. Lateral Services

1. Cambodian Section Unit Chief [ ] received a letter of appreciation from Embassy Counselor for Political Affairs Thomas F. Conlon for his "valuable assistance" as an interpreter in interviews with Cambodian refugees. The Department of State had informed the embassy that the reports prepared on the basis of the interviews with which [ ] assisted had "added significantly to what we can know of Cambodia from the outside and will strengthen and make more effective the case we are submitting to the UN Human Rights Commission."
2. Ambassador Abramowitz requested that FBIS file AG's "China Highlights" as well as "Indochina Highlights" to the embassy. He also asked for his own subscription to "Trends in Communist Media."

D. Technical

Embassy Communications Electronics Officer John Lunsford conferred with the Acting Bureau Chief and bureau [ ] STAT technicians on 1 August to describe Embassy plans to upgrade its VHF radio system for the motorpool, Marine Guard and DEA section by installing radios and four antennas on the west wall of the elevator tower. The bureau received written assurance from Lunsford that the radios would be "operated on a noninterference basis with FBIS"--i.e., that if any interference is caused to FBIS microwave circuits or radios, the CEO "will either cure the problem